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FOREIGN RISKS.—The Extra Premiums required for the East and West Indies, the British Colonies, and the northern parts of the United States of America, have been materially reduced.

INVALID LIVES.—Persons who are not in such sound health as would enable them to insure their Lives at the Tabular Premiums, may have their Lives insured at Extra Premiums.

LOANS granted on Life Policies to the extent of their values, provided such Policies shall have been effected a sufficient time to have attained such value as may not under 5*l*.

ASSIGNMENTS of POLICIES.—Written Notices of, received and registered.

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Established May, 1844.

INVESTMENT OF CAPITAL AND SAVINGS.

The object of the Investment Department of this Institution, is to open equally secure and profitable channels of investment for the surplus capital of the affluent, and the provident savings of the industrial classes of the community. To persons desirous of placing their money out at interest, but unused to scrutinise securities, and inexperienced in estimating their value, this Institution offers immediate facilities, and the opportunity of realising the highest rate of interest yielded by first-class securities in which alone the money deposited with the Association is employed.

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Amongst the varied and extensive Tables of this Institution will be found one particularly advantageous where Policies are required for assuring loans or debts. The rate of Premium by this Table will protect the Interest of the Policy-holder from all contingencies and allow the Life assured to proceed to, and reside in, any part of the world.

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Assurances may be effected from 50*l*. to 10,000*l*. on a Single Life Entitle profits belong to the Assured, and divided annually.

Credit for half the amount of the first five annual Premiums.

Medical men remunerated for their Reports.

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PETER MORRISON, Managing Director.

Applications for Agencies may be made to the Managing Director.

THE YORKSHIRE FIRE and LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY. Established at York, 1824, and empowered by Act of Parliament. Capital, 500,000*l*.

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The attention of the public is particularly called to the terms of this Company for LIFE INSURANCES, and to the distinction which is made between male and female lives.

Extract from the Table of Premiums for insuring 100*l*.

Age next birthday.	A MALE.	A FEMALE	Age next birthday.	A MALE.	A FEMALE
	Whole Life Premiums			Whole Life Premiums	
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
10	1 7 6	1 9 6	40	2 11 6	3 3 6
15	1 9 3	1 7 6	50	4 1 3	3 13 3
18	1 11 3	1 13 0	55	4 11 6	4 3 6
20	1 14 6	1 11 6	60	5 4 6	4 18 6
25	1 17 9	1 14 6	65	6 4 6	5 18 9
30	2 2 3	1 18 6	70	7 6 6	6 9 6
*30	2 1 6	1 19 6	75	8 6 6	7 10 6
35	2 6 9	2 2 6	79	10 6 6	8 7 6
38	2 13 6	2 6 6	72	11 13 6	11 6 6
40	2 19 3	2 12 6	73		12 1 6
43	3 6 3	2 17 9	80		13 13 10

* EXAMPLE.—A gentleman whose age does not exceed 30, may insure 1,000*l*. payable on his decease, for the annual payment of 21*l*. 10*s*.; and a lady of the same age can secure the same sum for an annual payment of 19*l*. 17*s*. 6*d*.

Prospectuses, with the rates of premium for the intermediate ages, and every information, may be had at the Head Office in York, or of any of the Agents.

FIRE INSURANCES

are also effected by this Company, on the most moderate terms.

Agents are wanted in those towns where no appointments have been made. Applications to be made to

Mr. W. L. NEWMAN, Actuary and Secretary, York.

LOANS.—Persons desirous of obtaining ADVANCES from 50*l*. to 250*l*. upon approved personal security, repayable by easy instalments, extending over a lengthened period, are invited to examine the principles of the BRITISH MUTUAL SUBSCRIPTION LOAN ASSURANCE CLASSES.—Prospectuses, reports, and every information may be obtained on application at the British Mutual Life Office, 17, New Bridge-street, Blackfriars. Rules 6*d*. each copy, or 1*s*. per post. Note.—Four new classes are now in course of formation for London, and will immediately commence operations.

MONEY ON LOAN, at 3*l*. per Cent. per Annum.—ARNEWAY'S CHARITY.—NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Trustees of this Charity are enabled to lend out the Trust Moneys to poor occupiers or traders resident within the City and Liberty of Westminster, that is to say, within the parishes of St. Margaret and St. John the Evangelist, St. Anne, Soho, St. Clement Danes, St. George, Hanover-square, St. James, St. Martin-in-the-Fields, St. Mary-le-Strand, and St. Paul, Covent Garden. The amount of each loan is not to exceed 50*l*. is to bear interest after the rate of 3*l*. per cent. per annum, and is to be secured by the bond of the borrower, with two sureties. Printed Forms of Application, and all necessary information, may be obtained by applying personally, between the hours of Ten and Three o'clock in the day, at the office of the Clerk and Solicitor to the Trustees, No. 14, Great Queen-street, St. James's Park.

By order,
EDWARD S. STEPHENSON,
Clerk and Solicitor to the Trustees.

NOTE.—The Trustees meet on the second Wednesday in every month, to consider such applications for loans as have been sent in one clear week at the least before the first day of the month.—The sureties must be unexceptionable.

TO ARCHITECTS.

COMPETITION and other DRAWINGS.—Mr. THOMAS BOYS, Member of the New Society of Painters in Water Colours, and author of "The Picturesque Architecture of Paris, Ghent, Rouen," &c. and of "London as it is," offers his services in Tinting Backgrounds, Landscapes, Perspective Views, Interiors, &c. From the long experience he has had in such subjects, he is fully aware of the points essentially necessary to be attended to. Drawings and designs lithographed in a superior manner.—Address, Mr. BOYS, 18, Albany street, Regent's-park.

DECORATIVE PAINTING.—Mr. FREDERICK RANG, from the Royal Academy of Munich, DECORATIVE ARTIST in FRESCO, and in all other manner of Painting; whose works may be seen in the principal public buildings of the metropolis, begs to inform his patrons and Architects in particular that he has recently increased his Establishment, and is now enabled to undertake, on the shortest notice, the embellishment of private and public buildings, in any part of the United Kingdom on the most reasonable terms, and in any of the Classical, Mediæval, or Modern Styles.—Apply to F. RANG, Decorative Artist, 38, Pall-mall, London.

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Perspectives got up from Geometrical Drawings, either in Outline or Water Colours.

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SECOND-HAND FURNITURE.—Rosewood Chairs and Couch, Gilt Chimney-frame, Loo Table, three sets of Window curtains, set of Dining-tables, Mahogany Chairs in morocco and hair cloth. Also several articles of Bed room furniture.—Apply to No. 36, Little Moorfields, Upholstery.

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FOR SALE, TWO OLD SHOP-FRONTS, with glazed sashes, shutters, &c. for 16 feet frontages, both for corner shops, with return sashes,—one recessed in centre, with pair of mahogany doors and fan light.—Apply to Mr. C. R. STANHAM, Builder, 3, Edwardes-terrace, Kensington.

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CYCLORAMA, ALBANY-STREET.—In consequence of the illness of some of the Hindostanee company, will be continued for a short time, the seven magnificent Tableaux of the Crystal Palace, Daily, at Three; Evening, at Eight o'clock.—Admission, 1*s*.; Children and Schools half-price.

PATRON—H. R. H. PRINCE ALBERT.

ROYAL POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTION.—Lectures by J. H. Pepper, esq. on Tasting Gold, and on the Australian Gold Districts.—By Dr. Bachhoffner, on the Mode of Preserving Fresh Provisions, illustrated by Specimens from Messrs. Gamble and Metcalf, and Samples of Fairbrother's Patent Preserved Milk and Mason's Patent Concentrated Milk.—By Mr. Crispe, on Morrell's Patent Needles.—By Henry Buckland, esq. on Music, entitled Musical Variations; concluding with Vocal Illustrations, assisted by Miss Blanche Young, R.A. of Music.—New System of Dissolving Views, &c. &c.—Admission, 1*s*.; Schools and Children under ten years of age half price. For hours see Programme.

SHREWSBURY and ABERYSTWITH RAILWAY.—THE RSA VALLEY ROUTE.—At a numerous and influential Meeting of landed proprietors and other inhabitants of the Rea or Minsterley Valley—convinced of the necessity of railway communication through that populous and extensive mining district, and of the desirableness of the proposed Shrewsbury and Aberystwith Railway taking that route, and desirous of promoting the importance of the subject on the board of directors of the said railway company—held at the Miners Arms Inn, Minsterley, in the county of Salop, on Monday, the 10th of September instant, the Rev. WILLIAM HARRISON, Rector of Pontesbury, in the chair, the following resolutions were cordially and unanimously adopted:—

Proposed by FRANCIS HARRIS, Esq.; seconded by Mr. WILLIAM BLAKEWAY.

That the resolution carried at a preliminary meeting, held on the 14th day of September, at Minsterley, to confirmed by the present meeting publicly convened, viz.—That it is the unanimous opinion that the course of the river Rea, from or near to Shrewsbury, is the most eligible route for the Shrewsbury and Aberystwith Railroad to be made, as, independent of the dense population living in and contiguous to the villages of Hencwood, Pontesford, Pontesbury, Minsterley, Westbury, Worthen, &c. &c. the extensive fields of minerals of various descriptions that are now opened, or may be, as well as other fresh speculations employed daily several thousand hands and immense steam and other power in the district, point it out as one of the most profitable line for the shareholders and others to adopt in preference to any other.

Proposed by EDWARD DICKEN, Esq.; seconded by WILLIAM NEWEY, Esq.

That a committee to appointed, consisting of the Rev. F. Moss, Mr. Francis Harries, Rev. William Harrison, Rev. Maurice Lloyd, Mr. Joseph Hickman, Mr. William Edwards, Mr. William Rankewav, Mr. Edward Dickon, Mr. Richard Gardner, Mr. William H. Nicholls, Mr. J. H. Shrymsher, Mr. John Eddowes, Mr. Edward Eddowes, Mr. W. H. Cooper, Mr. Robert Woodward and Mr. Newey, with power to add to their number, to superintend the interest of the parties connected with this district, and to adopt such measures as they, or the majority of them, shall deem necessary in furtherance of the said undertaking.

Proposed by JOSEPH HICKMAN, Esq.; seconded by FRANCIS HARRIS, Esq.

That the cordial thanks of this meeting be given to the Chairman for the great zeal which he has evinced in the undertaking, and for his conduct as our President of this day.

Proposed by W. H. NICHOLLS, Esq.; seconded by Mr. W. BLAKEWAY.

That a copy of these resolutions be inserted once in the Shrewsbury Chronicle, Eddowes's Journal, The Times, Mining Journal, and Builder.

THE PERMANENT WAY COMPANY beg to call the attention of Boards of Directors, Engineers and others interested in railways already made, to the important advantages obtained by fish-jointing the rails, as exhibited by the annexed extract from the Report of the Directors of the Eastern Counties Railway, to the half-yearly meeting of shareholders held on the 29th August. This invention not only saves a large current expense in keeping up the permanent way, but by its causing engines and carriages to run more smoothly, increases the wear and tear of both the rails and rolling stock, and adds greatly to the comfort and security of the passengers. The Patent Fish-joints have been largely adopted by the Engineers of the following railways in the country and abroad:—

Eastern Counties Railway,
East Indian,
Edinburgh and Glasgow,
Egyptian,
London, Brighton, and South Coast,
London and North-Western,
Midland,
Merseyside,
North and South Western Junction,
Waterford and Limerick,
York and North Midland,
York, Newcastle, and Berwick.

And are also in course of adoption on many other railways. Lines not yet furnished with rails, the company draw attention to W. H. Barlow's patent rail, as by its adoption the permanent way may be constructed at the lowest rate per mile, and with greater durability than by any other known system. These rails have been largely adopted by the engineers of the following:—

Great Western,
Dublin and Belfast Railway,
London and North Western,
Midland,
Midland Great Western (Ireland),
Newport and Abergavenny,
South Wales,
West Cornwall, and
Hereford, Ross, and Gloucester.

The Patent Cast-iron Keepers of Mr. P. W. Barlow are adapted to double-headed rails of any pattern, and supersede or replace wooden sleepers. They are adopted on the

East Indian,
Midland,
East Lancashire,
Londonderry and Enniskillen,

and several other lines.

The Permanent Way Company confines itself entirely to the granting licences to use their various patents, which is done upon very moderate terms. Every information may be obtained by applying to Mr. CHARLES MAY, C.E. 4, Great George-street, Westminster; or to WILLIAM HOWDEN, Secretary, 26, Great George-street.

Extract from the report of the Directors of the Eastern Counties Railway to the half-yearly meeting of Shareholders held on the 29th of August:—

"The system of 'fish-jointing' has hitherto fully borne out Mr. Ashcroft's reports, as giving a smoother road, with less wear and tear to the rolling stock, and at a much reduced expenditure in maintenance."

Extract from the report presented to the half-yearly meeting of the West Cornwall Railway, held on the 25th August:—

"The result of the three months' working of the new rails between Penzance and Camborne has fully borne out the expectations which had been formed as to the durability of the description of rail which, under Mr. Brunel's advice, has been employed in the reconstruction of that part of the line; and the attention of the board having been directed to the bad state of the permanent way on the old line, and the economy and efficiency of the works which would arise from relaying that portion with Barlow's rails, they have given orders for this to be done, and it is now nearly completed."

Extract from the Directors' report to the last Half-yearly Meeting of the Londonderry and Enniskillen Railway:—

"The trial afforded by six additional months' working has also confirmed your directors in the favourable opinion expressed by them respecting the cast-iron road of Mr. Peter W. Barlow."

It has fully answered the expectations formed of it, and there can now be no doubt that its adoption, coupled with the lessened wear and tear from the use of light engines, will effect a material saving in the maintenance of permanent way.

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